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SUBJECT: NPG: DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE
AUTUMN 1978 MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 3 BELOW THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT
ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE AUTUMN NPG MINISTERIAL
MEETING. IN PARA 2 BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE COVER NOTE
ON THE DRAFT PRESS RELEASE. AS INDICATED THERE, IT IS
INTENDED THAT THE STAFF GROUP DISCUSS THE DRAFT TEXT
AND SUGGESTED RELEASE TIMING AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY,
28 AUGUST, ALTHOUGH FORMAL APPROVAL OF TEXT AND RELEASE
TIMING WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.
WE NOTE THAT THE 16 OCTOBER RELEASE TIMING MIGHT BE TOO
LATE TO ACCOMMODATE SECDEF TRAVEL PLANS IF, AS IN THE PAST,
HE PLANS ON OTHER STOPS PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL.
ANY INITIAL WASHINGTON REACTIONS ON TEXT OF TIMING
COULD BE USEFULLY INTERJECTED AT THE 28 AUGUST MEETING.
ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS/GUIDANCE BY
28 AUGUST.

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2. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE:

NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP (STAFF GROUP)

DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE AUTUMN 1978
MINISTERIAL MEETING

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN

. ATTACHED IS THE TEXT, IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, OF A PROPOSED ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE PALAIS D'EGMONT IN BRUSSELS ON 18TH AND 19TH OCTOBER, 1978. THE TEXT CLOSELY FOLLOWS THE LANGUAGE USED IN FORMER PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS PRIOR TO NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. AS ON PAST OCCASIONS, THE RELEASE COULD BE MADE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING TAKES PLACE; ACCORDINGLY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE IN BRUSSELS ON MONDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1978, AT 4.00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, WITH SIMULTANEOUS ADDITIONAL RELEASE IN THE CAPITALS OF THOSE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHICH SO DESIRE.

. 2. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE STAFF GROUP DISCUSS THE DRAFT TEXT AND SUGGESTED RELEASE TIMING AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY, 28TH AUGUST. STAFF GROUP MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ARE REQUESTED AFTER THEIR INITIAL DISCUSSION TO OBTAIN THEIR NATIONAL AUTHORITIES APPROVAL OF THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND TIMING OF THE RELEASE, INFORMING THE DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR PLANNING NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1978. INFORMATION ON WHETHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES PLAN TO MAKE A SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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CAPITALS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE:

. THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP OF NATO CURRENTLY CONSISTING OF THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, TURKEY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES WILL HOLD ITS TWENTY-FOURTH MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, ON 18TH AND 19TH OCTOBER, 1978, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JOSEPH M.A.H. LUNS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO. END TEXT. GLITMAN

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